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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Sabanayagam et al.                      Group No.: 1634  
Application No.: 09/886,779                      Examiner: LU, FRANK WEI MIN  
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For: NUCLEIC ACID ARRAYS AND METHODS OF SYNTHESIS

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RESPONSE UNDER  
37 C.F.R. 1.116**

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 14, 2004, Applicants are submitting a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and payment of fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.